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1. The Agrostroy, National Corporation, factory - formerly owned by Ing. Knotek (fnu) - lies on the southeast outskirts of Jicin, on both sides of the highway from the center of town to the railroad station. It is bounded in the north by a road from this highway to the railroad station where it crosses the railroad line. In the east, it is bounded by the railroad freight yard. In the south, it is bounded by the Jicin sugar factory and to the west lie the suburbs of Jicin. The plant is surrounded by a wall three meters high.
2. The part of the factory east of the highway has the following buildings:
  - a. Inside the wall, near the crossroads, a four-story building 20 by 60 meters in size. On the ground floor are the varnishing shop and the factory administration offices; on the third floor is the drying room for component parts.
  - b. South of a., a building containing the gatekeeper's lodge and a production hall; about 10 by 40 meters in size. It contains milling cutters and drills.
  - c. East of these two buildings, the locksmith's shop, in a building about 10 by 40 meters in size.
  - d. Still further south, a building 15 by 30 meters in size, containing the turning and welding shops.
3. In the part of the plant west of the highway, there are the following buildings:
  - a. Opposite the administration building, a villa 20 meters square, formerly the home of the owner. It now houses the factory doctor and and the dispensary.

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- b. South of the villa, near the road, the woodworking shop, about 10 by 30 meters in size. In the front part of this building is the gatekeeper's lodge for this part of the plant.
  - c. Next to this building, the old foundry for cast iron and black cast iron; 10 by 20 meters in size.
  - d. South of this, the building in which cutting blades are fitted to harvesting machines.
  - e. Next to this building, along the road, a new foundry, which was built in 1952. It has modern equipment and measures about 30 meters square.
  - f. Near the new foundry is the transformer station.
- 4. Another foundry was to be built in 1953.
  - 5. Much of the machinery is old, with the exception of that in the new foundry. Machinery at the factory includes MAS-type lathes, Skoda presses and Skoda screw-cutting lathes.
  - 6. The Agrostroj factory at Jicin produces all types of moving and harvesting machines, binders and reapers. It produces all the component parts it needs for agricultural machinery and since 1952 has also been manufacturing some military components which it sends to the Automobilove zavody, n.p. (AZNP - formerly Skoda) plant at Mlada Boleslav. The new foundry and the one to be built will be engaged exclusively in military production. The production of agricultural machinery will not be increased.
  - 7. On an average, the production plan was fulfilled by 97 to 99 percent; it could not be exceeded because of lack of materials. Many machines produced were returned because of bad quality of materials used in their manufacture. This was especially the case with harvesters.
  - 8. The Agrostroj factory in Jicin has about 1,200 employees, about 200 of whom are women.
  - 9. There are about 15 factory guards, who wear dark green uniforms and are armed with pistols, caliber 6.75 mm. There are always two guards on duty at the gates to the factory.

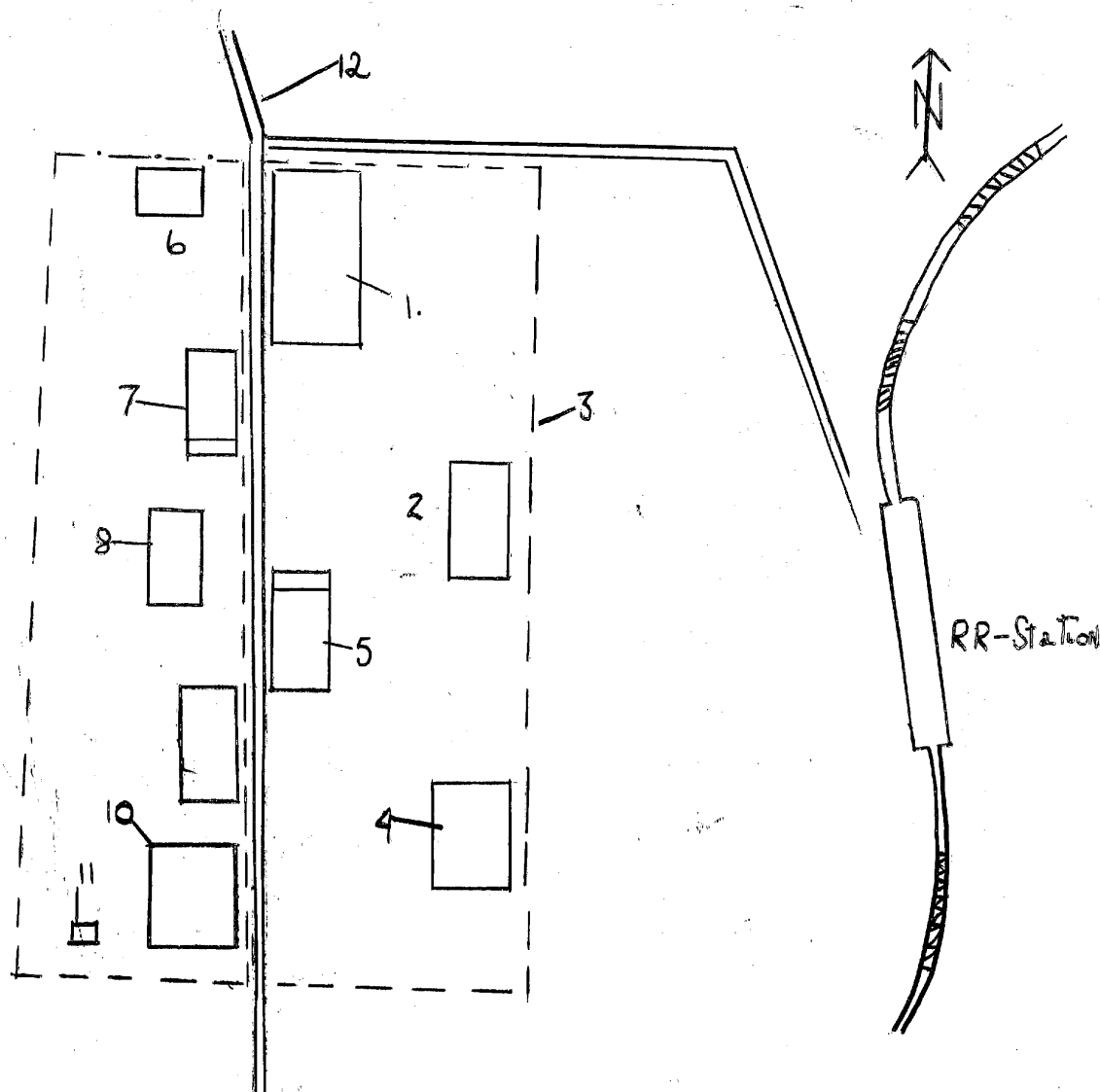
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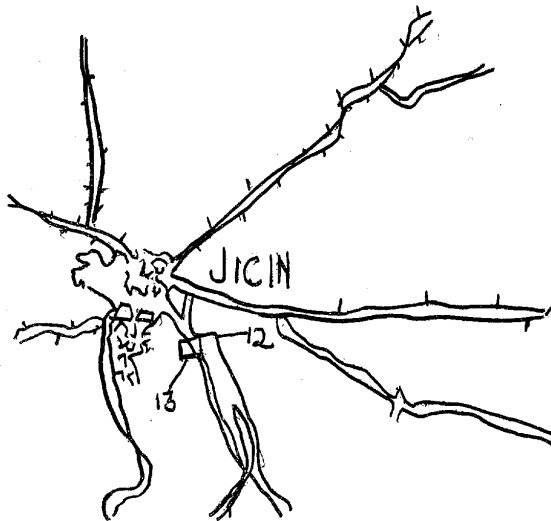


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1. Factory administration, varnishing shop, drying room.
2. Locksmith's workshop.
3. Wall.
4. Welding shop and turning shop.
5. Production hall.
6. Owner's villa, now the Medical Center.
7. Gatekeeper's lodge and woodworking shop.
8. Foundry.
9. Harvester assembly hall.
10. New foundry.
11. Transformer station.
12. Road to center of town and railroad station.
13. General area of the Agrostroj factory.

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